

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation and deregulation. I am truly appalled that there is no accountability for "fairness & balance" any longer.

Because Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for their interests and bank accounts and less of what we need for democracy.

Sinclair's actions show once more why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

Thank you for your consideration of my opinion. I respectfully hope that you take action to ensure a "free" press is indeed free.